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"AN ACT CONCERNING LONG ISLAND SOUND AND COASTAL PERMITTING."

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- 1 Change the effective date of section 12 to "Effective from passage"
- 2 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 3 internal references accordingly:
- 4 "Sec. 501. Section 26-27 of the 2010 supplement to the general
- 5 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 6 (*Effective from passage*):
- 7 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), (c), (e), [or] (f), (g) or (h) of
- 8 this section and other provisions of this chapter providing specific
- 9 license exemption, no person shall take, hunt or trap, or shall attempt
- 10 to take, hunt or trap, or assist in taking, hunting or trapping, any wild
- 11 bird or mammal and no person more than sixteen years of age shall
- 12 take, attempt to take, or assist in taking any fish or bait species in the
- 13 inland waters or marine district by any method or land marine fish

14 and bait species in the state, regardless of where such marine fish or
15 bait species are taken, without first having obtained a license as
16 provided in this chapter. No person under sixteen years of age shall
17 hunt or trap, except as provided in section 26-38.

18 (b) Any landowner who has a domiciliary residence in this state,
19 [his] such landowner's spouse or lineal descendants may hunt, trap or
20 fish on land owned by [him] such landowner or on land leased by
21 [him] such landowner and on which [he] such landowner is actually
22 domiciled, which land is not used for club, fishing or hunting
23 purposes, without a license, subject to the provisions of this chapter.

24 (c) No fishing license shall be required for any person who is rowing
25 a boat or operating the motor of a boat from which other persons are
26 taking or attempting to take fish.

27 (d) The taking of fish and bait species as herein provided shall be
28 regarded as sport fishing and the taking or landing of such species in
29 the inland waters or marine district by commercial methods for
30 commercial purposes shall be governed by other provisions of this
31 chapter.

32 (e) No fishing license shall be required for any resident of the state
33 who is participating in a fishing derby authorized in writing by the
34 Commissioner of Environmental Protection provided (1) no fees are
35 charged for such derby, (2) such derby has a duration of one day or
36 less, and (3) such derby is sponsored by a nonprofit civic service
37 organization. Such organization shall be limited to one derby in any
38 calendar year.

39 (f) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may designate
40 one day in each calendar year when no license shall be required for
41 sport fishing.

42 (g) No fishing license shall be required for any person who is fishing
43 as a passenger on a party boat, charter boat or head boat registered
44 under section 26-142a and operating solely in the marine district.

45 (h) No fishing license shall be required for any person who
46 participates in a fishing event conducted by an organization that
47 receives a group fishing license, as provided in subsection (h) of
48 section 26-30, as amended by this act, provided any person who
49 participates in such group fishing event shall be subject to all other
50 provisions of the general statutes and the regulations of Connecticut
51 state agencies that relate to fishing.

52 Sec. 502. Section 26-28 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
53 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
54 *from passage*):

55 (a) Except as provided in [subsection (b)] subsections (b) and (c) of
56 this section, the fees for firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping
57 and sport fishing licenses or for the combination thereof shall be as
58 follows: (1) Resident firearms hunting license, twenty-eight dollars; (2)
59 resident fishing license, forty dollars; (3) resident marine waters fishing
60 license, ten dollars; (4) one-day resident marine waters fishing license,
61 fifteen dollars; (5) resident all-waters fishing license, fifty dollars; (6)
62 resident combination license to fish in inland waters and firearms
63 hunt, fifty-six dollars; (7) resident combination license to fish in marine
64 waters and firearms hunt, fifty dollars; (8) resident combination license
65 to fish in all waters and firearms hunt, sixty dollars; (9) resident
66 combination license to fish in all waters and bow and arrow permit to
67 hunt deer and small game issued pursuant to section 26-86c, eighty-
68 four dollars; (10) resident firearms super sport license to fish in all
69 waters and firearms hunt, firearms private land shotgun or rifle deer
70 permit issued pursuant to section 26-86a and permit to hunt wild
71 turkey during the spring season on private land issued pursuant to
72 section 26-48a, one hundred sixteen dollars; (11) resident archery super
73 sport license to fish in all waters, bow and arrow permit to hunt deer
74 and small game issued pursuant to section 26-86c and permit to hunt
75 wild turkey during the spring season on private land issued pursuant
76 to section 26-48a, one hundred four dollars; (12) resident trapping
77 license, fifty dollars; (13) resident junior trapping license for persons
78 under sixteen years of age, fifteen dollars; (14) junior firearms hunting

79 license, fifteen dollars; (15) nonresident firearms hunting license, one
80 hundred thirty-four dollars; (16) nonresident inland waters fishing
81 license, eighty dollars; (17) nonresident inland waters fishing license
82 for a period of three consecutive days, thirty-two dollars; (18)
83 nonresident marine waters fishing license, sixty dollars; (19)
84 nonresident marine waters fishing license for a period of three
85 consecutive days, twenty-four dollars; (20) nonresident all-waters
86 fishing license, one hundred dollars; (21) nonresident combination
87 license to firearms hunt and inland waters fish, one hundred seventy-
88 six dollars; (22) nonresident combination license to fish in all waters
89 and firearms hunt, one hundred ninety dollars; (23) nonresident
90 combination license to fish in marine waters and firearms hunt, one
91 hundred seventy dollars; and (24) nonresident trapping license, two
92 hundred fifty dollars. Persons sixty-five years of age and over who
93 have been residents of this state for not less than one year and who
94 meet the requirements of subsection (b) of section 26-31 may be issued
95 an annual license to firearms hunt or to fish or combination license to
96 fish and firearms hunt or a license to trap without fee. The issuing
97 agency shall indicate on a combination license the specific purpose for
98 which such license is issued. The town clerk shall retain a recording fee
99 of one dollar for each license issued by him.

100 (b) Any nonresident residing in one of the New England states or
101 the state of New York may procure a license to hunt or to fish or to
102 hunt and fish for the same fee or fees as a resident of this state if he is a
103 resident of a state the laws of which allow the same privilege to
104 residents of this state.

105 (c) The fee for a group fishing license, as described in subsection (h)
106 of section 26-30, as amended by this act, shall be two hundred fifty
107 dollars.

108 Sec. 503. Section 26-30 of the general statutes is amended by adding
109 subsection (h) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

110 (NEW) (h) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may

111 issue a group fishing license to any tax-exempt organization qualified
112 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
113 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
114 as amended from time to time, for the purpose of conducting a group
115 fishing event or events for persons: (1) With a service-related disability
116 who receive services at a facility of the United States Department of
117 Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System, (2) who receive
118 mental health or addiction services from: (A) The Department of
119 Mental Health and Addiction Services, (B) state-operated facilities, as
120 defined in section 17a-458, or (C) programs or facilities funded by the
121 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, as provided for
122 in sections 17a-468b, 17a-469, 17a-673 and 17a-676, (3) with mental
123 retardation or autism who receive services from the Department of
124 Developmental Services, as provided for in section 17a-217, or from
125 facilities licensed by the Department of Developmental Services, as
126 provided for in section 17a-227, or (4) receiving care from the
127 Department of Children and Families, as provided for in section 17a-
128 94, or from programs or child-care facilities licensed pursuant to
129 section 17a-145, 17a-147 or 17a-154. Any such organization shall
130 conduct not more than fifty such events, including marine and inland
131 water events, in any calendar year and each such event shall be limited
132 to not more than fifty persons. Application for such a group fishing
133 license shall be submitted once per calendar year on a form prescribed
134 by the commissioner and with the necessary fee and shall provide such
135 information as required by the commissioner. All fishing activities
136 conducted pursuant to such group license shall be supervised by staff
137 or volunteers of the organization conducting the event or events. Such
138 staff or volunteers shall possess such group fishing license at the site of
139 any such event or events. Each such staff member or volunteer shall
140 have a license to fish. Such organization shall, not later than ten days
141 after such group fishing event, report to the commissioner, on forms
142 provided by the commissioner, information on the results of such
143 event. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, the total:
144 (i) Number of participants, (ii) hours fished, (iii) number of each
145 species caught, and (iv) number of each species not released. Such

146 organization shall not charge a fee to any person that participates in
147 any such group fishing event conducted pursuant to such group
148 fishing license and any such group fishing event shall not be used by
149 such organization as a fund raising event."